

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:13

AREA:

SURVEY NO.:B-4177

MAGI NO.:0441778604

ADDRESS:1938 Light Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: LOT:

HEIGHT:2 stories

CONDITION:Good

LOT SIZE:

MATERIALS:Brick

OWNER:

ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBLE:No

LIBER/FOLIO:

USE:Dwelling

DESIGNATION:



HISTORIC NAME:

DATE:ca. 1885

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

1938 Light Street is a 2 story 3 bay brick rowhouse, with a raised basement, located on the west side of Light Street, south of Wells Street, at the southern end of Light Street, in south central Baltimore, Maryland. The building is completely covered in formstone including the sills and arches of the windows and door. The original 1 over 1 windows remain. They are under segmental arches. The original door has been removed and the transom filled in. The building still has its original wood cornice with short brackets and decorative cutouts.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA:Architecture

LEVEL:Local

1938 Light Street would be considered eligible for the National Register within a district of undetermined boundaries in south central Baltimore. It is an example of the predominant building type in Baltimore, the rowhouse, which has been continually utilized by Baltimoreans of all classes. It is located southeast of the Sharp-Leadenhall Planning District and west of Locust Point. This area developed at the end of the nineteenth century as an area of mixed use, with a working class population, those who made their living in port or railroad related jobs. Rowhouses were placed in this locality where ever there was room between factories and commercial ventures. This neighborhood is located near the harbor, Camden Station, and the variety of factories that grew up around them both. The Sachse Bird's Eye View of 1869 shows two houses located on that block of Light Street, but no rowhouse development. The 1896 Bromley Atlas and the Sanborn Atlas demonstrate the continuing mixed use of the area. In 1896 a tin ware manufacturer was located across from the row of 1938. Behind the row was an iron works and a gas engine manufacturer. By 1914 NESCO Inc. had acquired the Tin Ware Factory and a slaughterhouse was located at the corner of Light and Wells.

SOURCES:Bromley Atlas, 1896; Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore, 1869; CHAP Files, Sharp-Leadenhall

SURVEYOR AND DATE:Mary K. Mannix, October 1987

(24/25)

1945
(24)

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REA 2.574 Ac.
0.141 " TO ST BED
2.433 " RES 10-31-78

PATAPSCO MARSH & ALLEY J.B.

Total 529.1

(99°11')

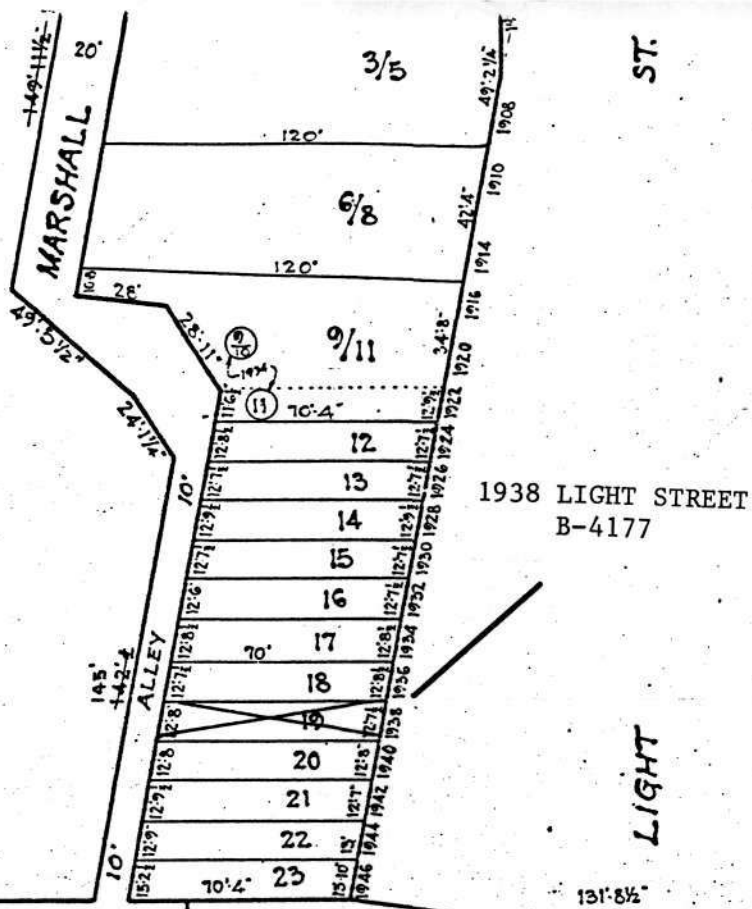
E. WINDER

(NOT OPEN)

ST.

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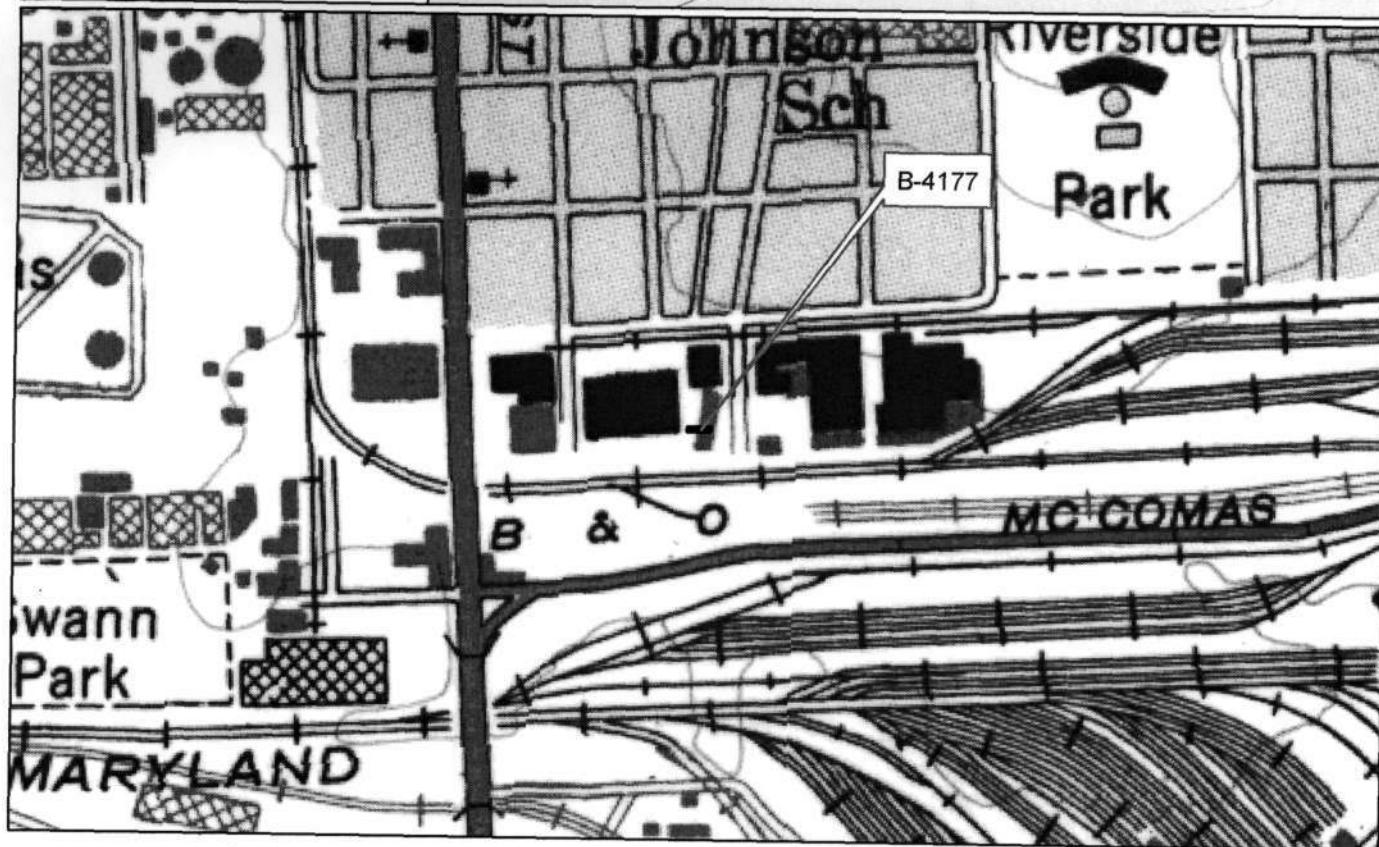
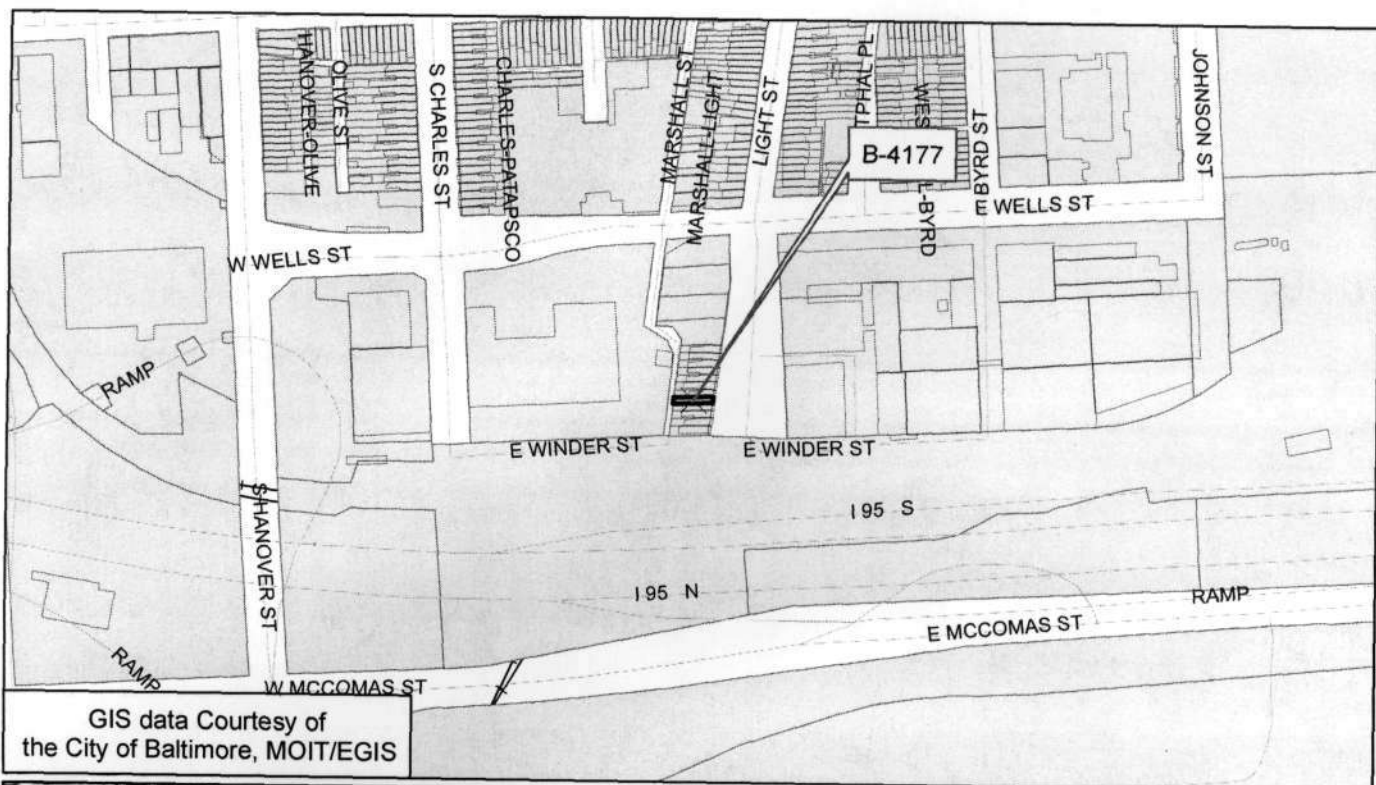


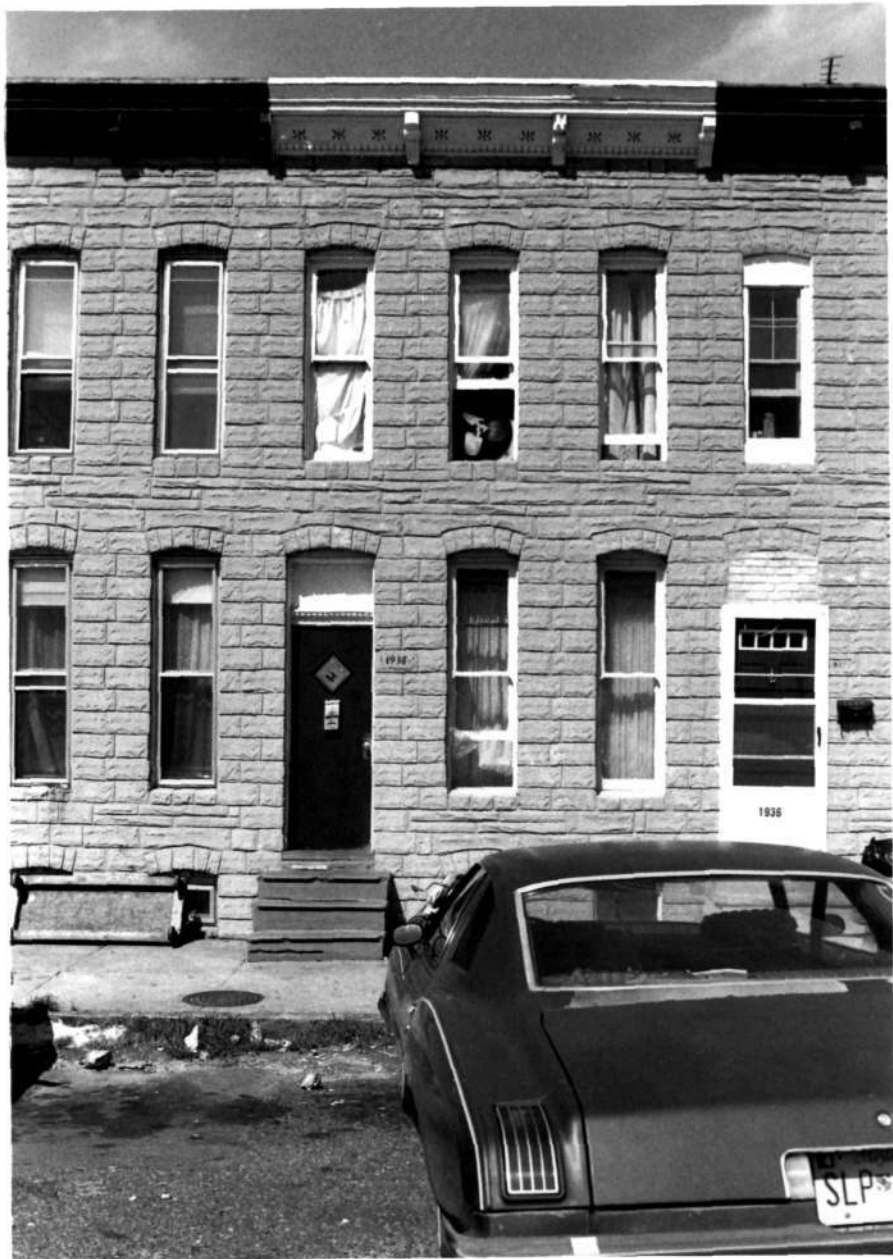
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
WARD 23 SECTION 10
BLOCK 1037
SCALE 1" = 60' 0" DATE July, 1934

B-4177
1938 Light Street
Block 1037 Lot 019
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad.





1938 Light St E-417
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1987
Neg. Loc.: MO Hist Trust
East elevation